West Coast College Climate Gathering: An Overview for Students Interested in Attending

Our universities have been taken over by the executives of the most destructive industries on Earth. They have used the credibility of our schools to validate mass inequality, violence, and destruction. Meanwhile, the climate crisis continues to worsen, suppression of student voices is on the rise, and the future of American democracy is at stake. We won't stand by while the institutions we're a part of remain complicit in the destruction of our planet and the people who live on it**. Driven by courage, hope, and justice, we are building a movement of students across campuses who are breaking their universities free from this corrupting influence and demanding a Green New Deal For Campus (GND4C)**.

To strengthen our movement, Campus Climate Network (CCN), a coalition of student-led climate justice organizations working to sever ties with the fossil fuel industry on campuses across the country, and UC Berkeley partner organizations, including the UC Berkeley Eco Office, will host the **West Coast Climate Gathering (CCGW): Climate Justice on Campus on October 25th-27th, 2024 at the University of California Berkeley campus.** Anchored by principles of climate and environmental justice, the gathering will provide a space for 80-100 new and seasoned student organizers alike to learn from student organizers and local activists, hone their organizing skills, and forge new connections with peers from across the West Coast. There will be panels of experienced activists and workshops with tracks for experienced campus groups and those just beginning engaging in activism. The gathering will culminate with a collective nonviolent direct action at the residence of Michael Drake, president of the University of California system. The action will take place on the heels of the deadline for all 10 UC campuses to submit their decarbonization plans.

We want the gathering to be as accessible as possible so **attendance, including transportation, is free for participants.** WCCG is open to **any kind of campus social justice organization**, not just climate groups. We want this gathering to represent diversity across race, class, gender, etc., and welcome students from both public and private colleges to avoid overrepresentation from privileged groups in institutions and organizing spaces that can often be elitist and inaccessible for working class or POC students and organizers.

Sign up! Have one representative from your campus group fill out the group interest form OR if you're not with a campus group, fill out the individual interest form by **September 15**. Please reach out to clopez@campusclimatenetwork.org with questions!